

APPENDIX 6
PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION



Fig. 1: The Maria Shires burial site is enclosed by a 5 x 5m stone wall, approximately 500mm wide. This structure is protected by the NHRA section 34.



Fig. 2: The western wall where the entrance is located.



Fig. 3: The entrance to the burial site in the western wall. The wall is approximately 500mm wide.



Fig. 4: The other side of the entrance. The headstone of Maria Shires' grave is visible to the left.



Fig. 5: The southern wall. Some damage occurred in this section, especially on the south-western and south-eastern corners.



Fig. 6: The eastern wall has been damaged, mostly at the top. It is not clear if the damage happened simultaneously with the desecration of the graves in 2021.



Fig. 7: The northern wall of the stone enclosure.



Fig. 8: The original position of the graves within the stone enclosure, before the desecration took place. The grave of Maria Shires is on the left (see arrow) and the grave of William Bowman on the right (see arrow).



Fig. 9: The Maria Shires headstone, which is still in its original position.



Fig. 10: The headstone of William Bowman's grave, which has been removed from its original position.



Fig. 11: The extent of the damage (vandalism), is visible in this image. The excavated soil has been piled up on the inside of the stone enclosure. The excavated area is clearly visible.



Fig. 12: The Shires headstone is visible in the foreground, with the excavated area, and the Bowman headstone, visible in the trench.



Fig. 13: Most of the excavated soil was piled up against the eastern wall.



Fig. 14: The extent of the excavated trench is visible in this image. It seems as if the vandals dug into the Bowman as well as the Shires graves in an attempt to find possible treasure (see line and arrow). The excavated soil was piled up on the sides, and has subsequently fallen partly into the trench.